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SUBJECT: GOG ACCEPTS FIRST RUSSIAN TRAINING OFFER

1. GUYANA FONOFF DELIVERED IN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO U.S. EMBASSY A NOTE DATED AUGUST 23 INTENDED FOR LOCAL USSR EMBASSY. NOTE REFERRED TO USSR EMBASSY NOTE #36 OF JUNE 18, 1975 AND SUBSEQUENT LETTER OF AUGUST 22, 1975 OFFERING TEN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GUYANESE STUDENTS TO STUDY IN SOVIET UNION.

2. GOG NOTE ACCEPTED OFFER AND NOMINATED TEN NAMED STUDENTS TO STUDY IN SOVIET UNION.

2. GOG NOTE ACCEPTED OFFER AND NOMINATED TEN NAMED STUDENTS TO STUDY IN USSR, IN FIELDS OF MEDICINE, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE (TWO), ENTOMOLOGY OF FISHERIES, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS. I INFORMED EMBARRASSED FONOFF PERMSEC OF MISADDRESSED NOTE AND OFFERED TO RETURN SAME TO HIM WITHOUT MENTIONING RECEIPT TO RUSSIAN COLLEAGUE. PERMSEC SAID HE WISHED I WOULD QUICKLY GET OFF PHONE SO HE COULD FIRE RESPONSIBLE CLERK WHO HAD MADE TWO SIMILAR ERRORS BEFORE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST SPECIFIC INDICATION WE HAVE RECEIVED OF RUSSIAN SCHOLARSHIPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SINCE ESTABLISHMENT LOCAL EMBASSY. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION RUSSIAN CHARGE HAS TOLD ME USSR WOULD ADOPT SLOW AND CAUTIOUS APPROACH TOWARD ASSISTANCE. GOG ACCEPTANCE OF RUSSIAN TRAINING OFFER
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FOLLOWS QUICKLY ON ANNOUNCEMENT THAT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH

CLASS WILL ACCEPT CUBAN INVITATION TO SPEND MONTH IN CUBA, WIDE
PUBLICITY GIVEN TO DESPATCH OF FISHERIES AND SIMILAR TRAINEES FOR
MULTIYEAR STAY IN CUBA, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT RESIDENT
CUBAN AMBASSADOR (SEPT). THIS TRAINING IS INTERESTING CONTRACT
TO REPORT FROM BRITISH COLLEAGUE EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT GOG HAS
REFUSED BRITISH OFFER TO TRAIN TWO LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND THREE
TRADE UNIONISTS, PM'S ANNOUNCEMENT LAST MONTH THAT LOCAL LABOR
COLLEGE WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO ACCEPT AIFLD SUBSIDY
AND REPEATED CALLS AT PNC CONVENTION AND BY MINISTER OF LABOR FOR
LOCAL TRADE UNIONISTS TO ESCHEW TRAINING IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.
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